

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE**

IN RE: SUPREME COURT RULE 45

Filed March 21, 2005

ORDER

To ensure equal access to all persons coming before Tennessee's courts and to maintain compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Court hereby adopts Supreme Court Rule 45, which is set out in Appendix A to this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

FOR THE COURT:

FRANK F. DROWOTA, III,
CHIEF JUSTICE

APPENDIX A

Supreme Court Rule 45 -- Americans with Disabilities Act.

The administrative director of the courts is authorized to establish any policies and procedures that may be necessary to assist courts with compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. 12131 *et. seq.* The Supreme Court shall approve any such policies and procedures prior to implementation. Participants in the judicial system shall comply with any policies and procedures that may be implemented. This rule shall apply to all courts in this state, including without limitation, municipal courts, general sessions courts, juvenile courts, circuit courts, chancery courts, criminal courts, and the respective appellate courts.

Commentary: Policies and procedures that are implemented pursuant to this rule will be available by contacting the administrative office of the courts or accessing the website at www.tsc.state.tn.us.

